...WHAT?

KRRRRR

WANT ME ...TO TELL YOU HOW..
TO BECOME A GOD?

....YES!

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Tower of God

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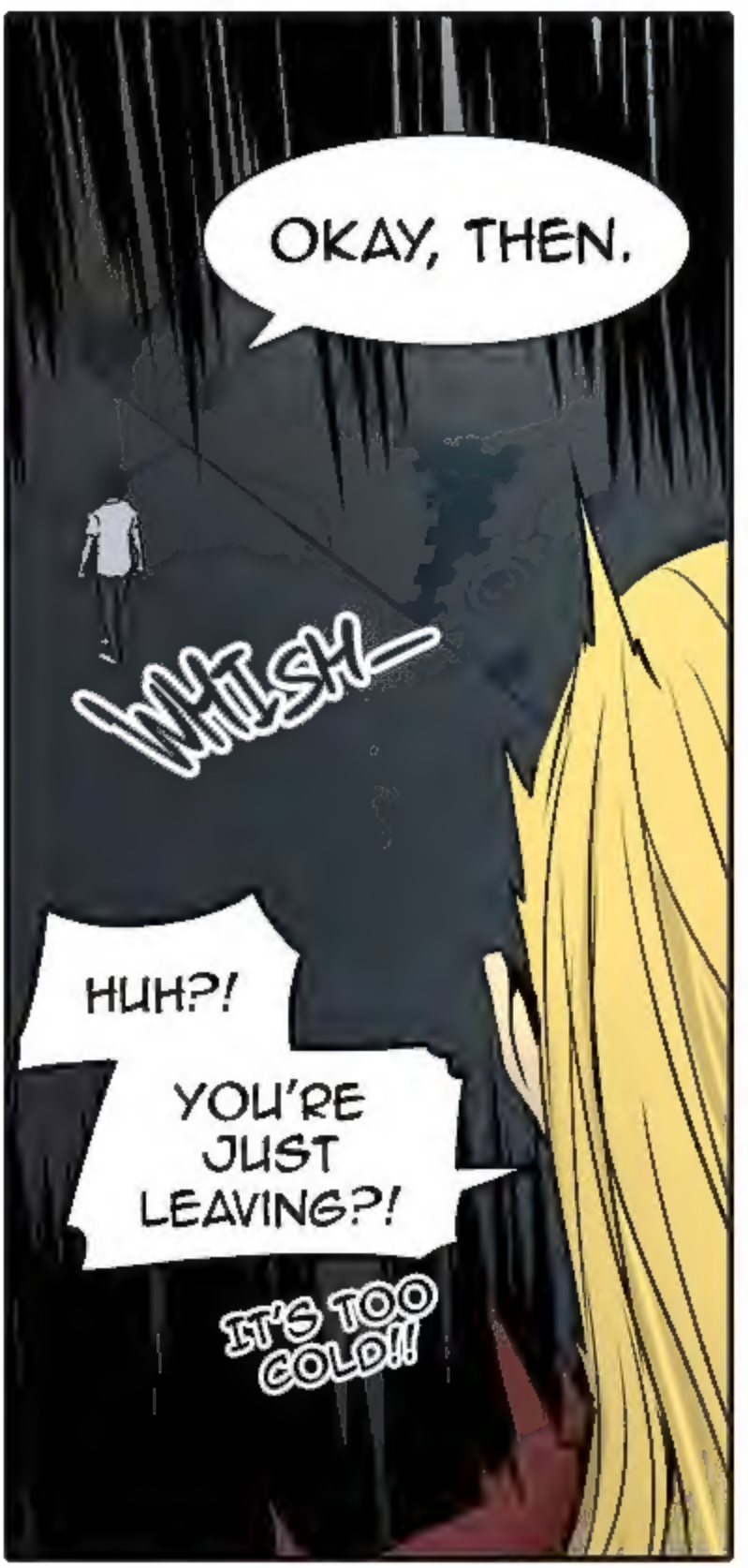
THE WAY TO BECOME A GOD...?
THAT'S A VERY SUDDEN AND UNUSUAL REQUEST...
YOU COME TO MAKE THIS REQUEST BECAUSE PEOPLE CALL ME THE GOD OF GUARDIANS, RIGHT?
YEAH, I JUST FELT LIKE... YOU WOULD KNOW...

SORRY BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO BECOME A GOD, BOY.
THE 'GOD OF GUARDIANS' IS JUST A NICKNAME GIVEN TO ME BY REGULARS.
I'M NOT SUCH A REMARKABLE BEING.
...IS THAT SO?


OKAY, THEN.
WISH
HUH?!
YOU'RE JUST LEAVING?!
IT'S TOO COLD!!

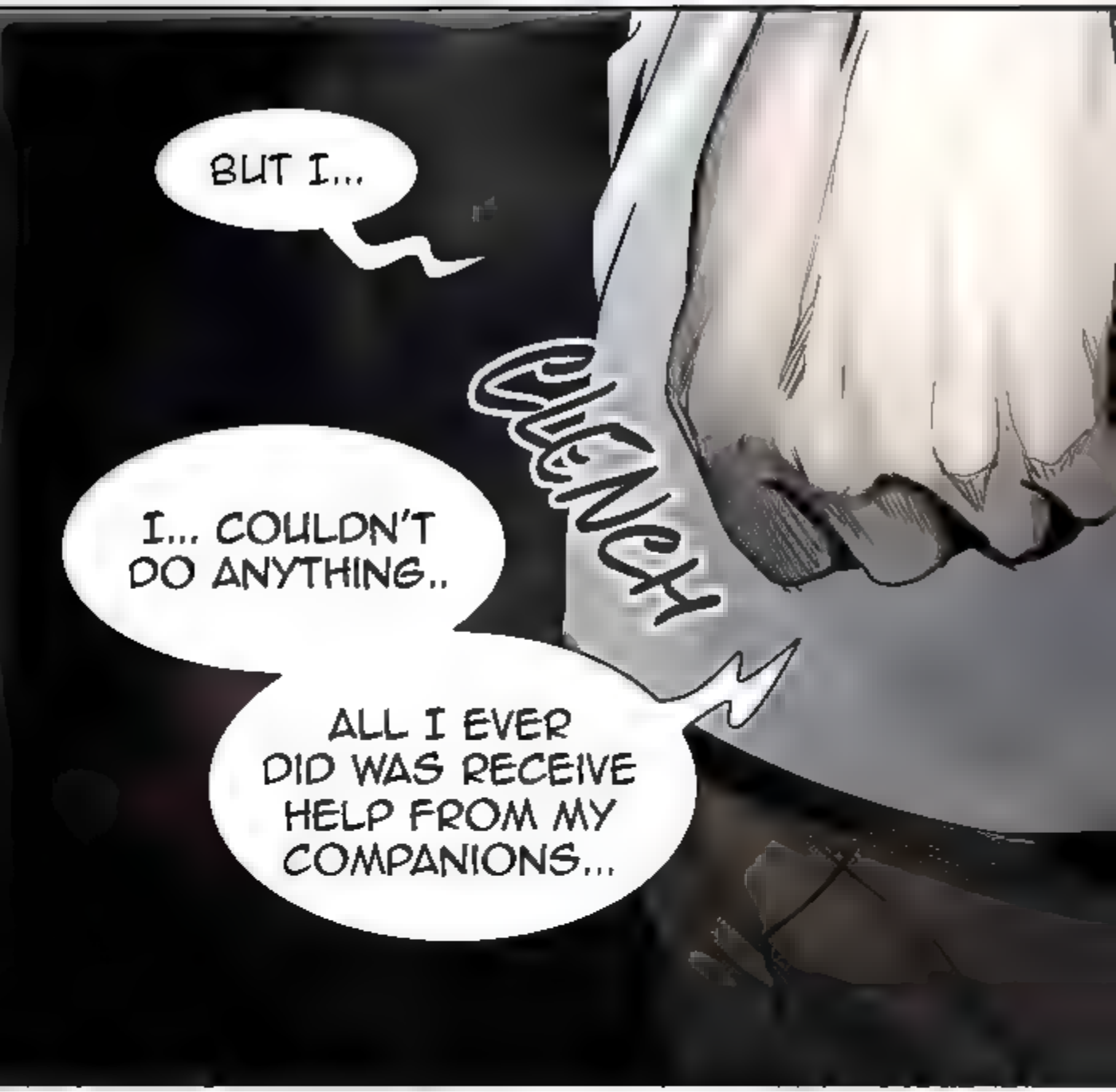
...SEEING HOW YOU SUDDENLY BROUGHT THAT UP
SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED OUTSIDE.

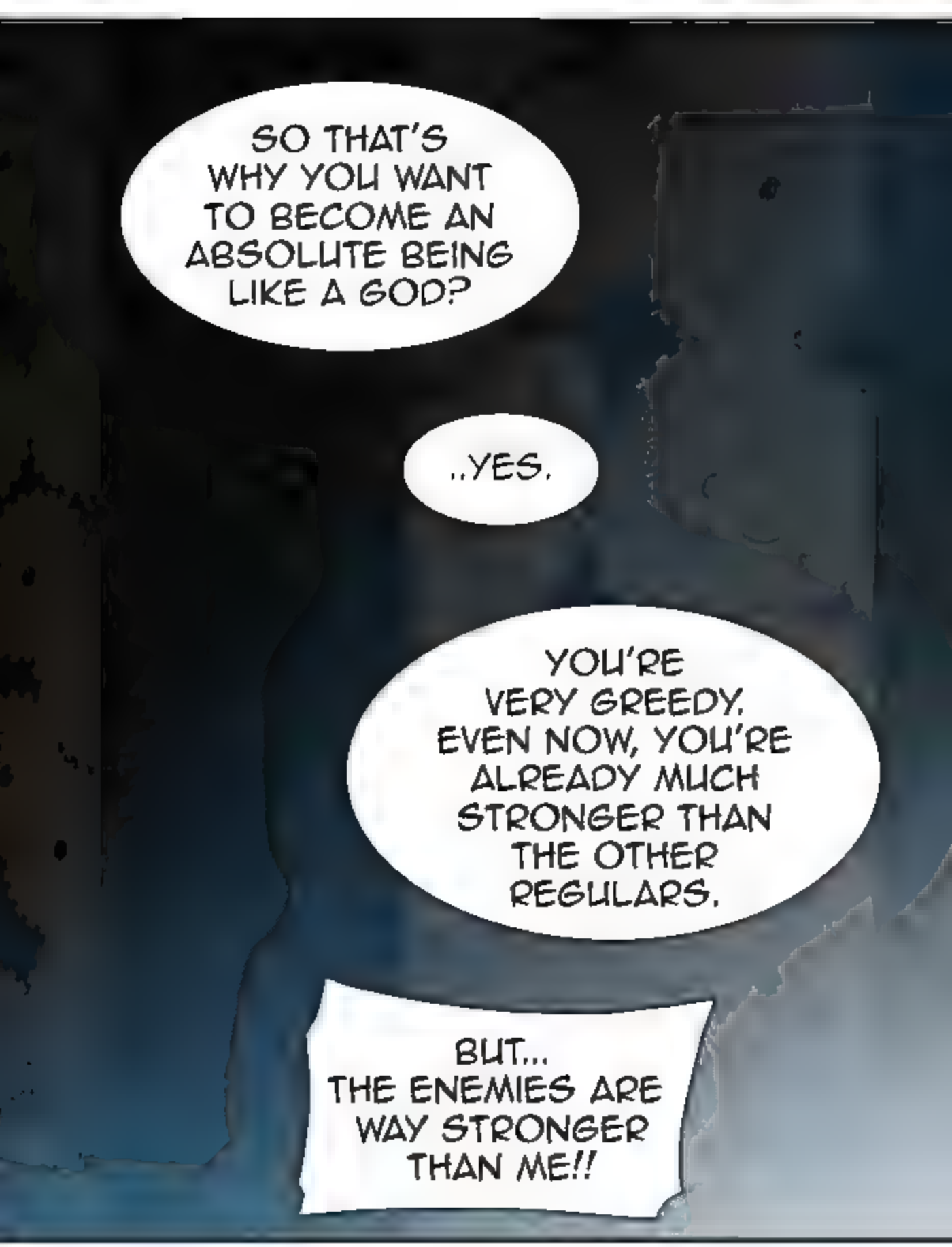
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
.....

...I LOST MY COMPANIONS.

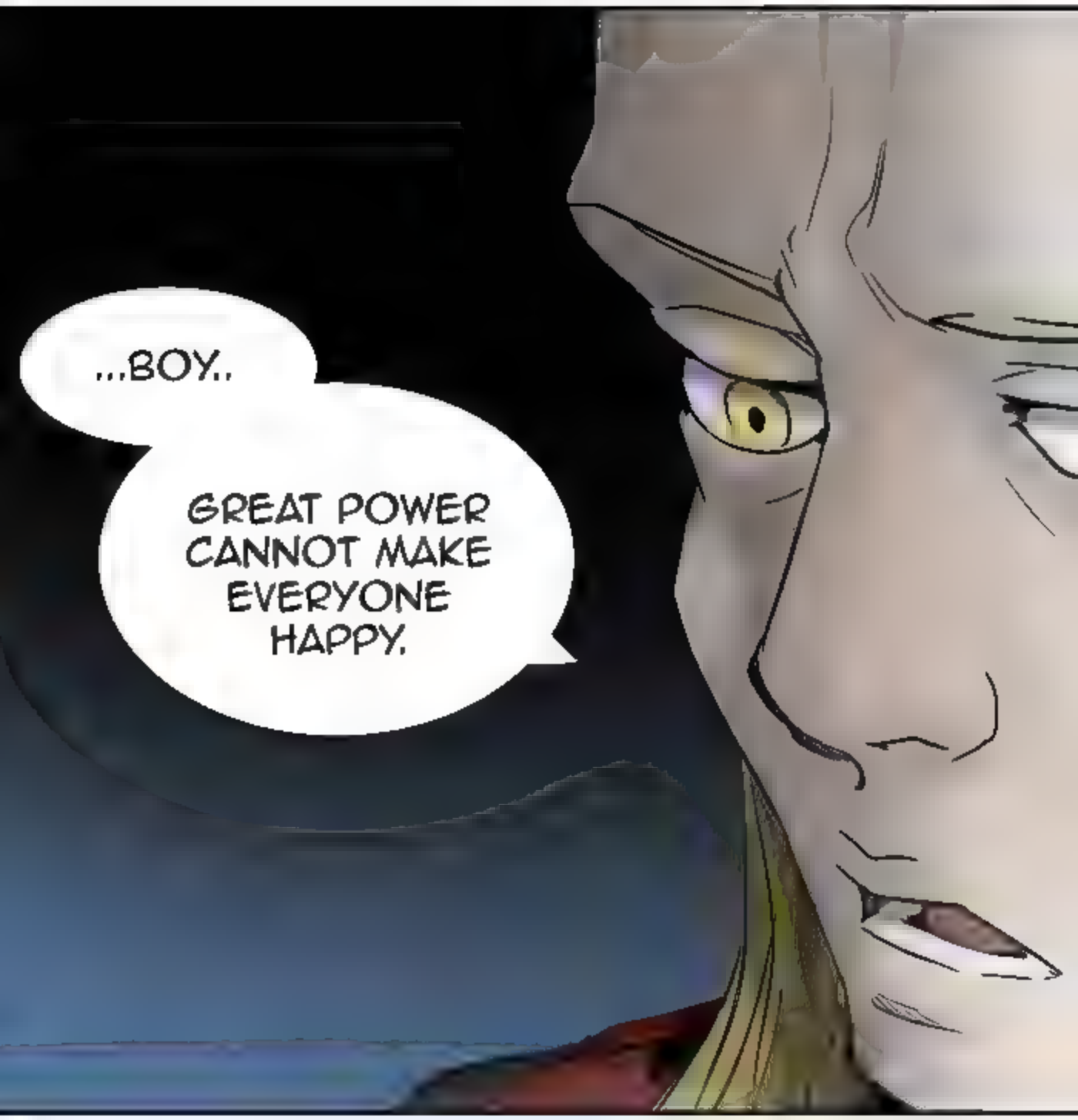
BEFORE A POWERFUL ENEMY..
THERE WAS NOTHING THAT I COULD DO.

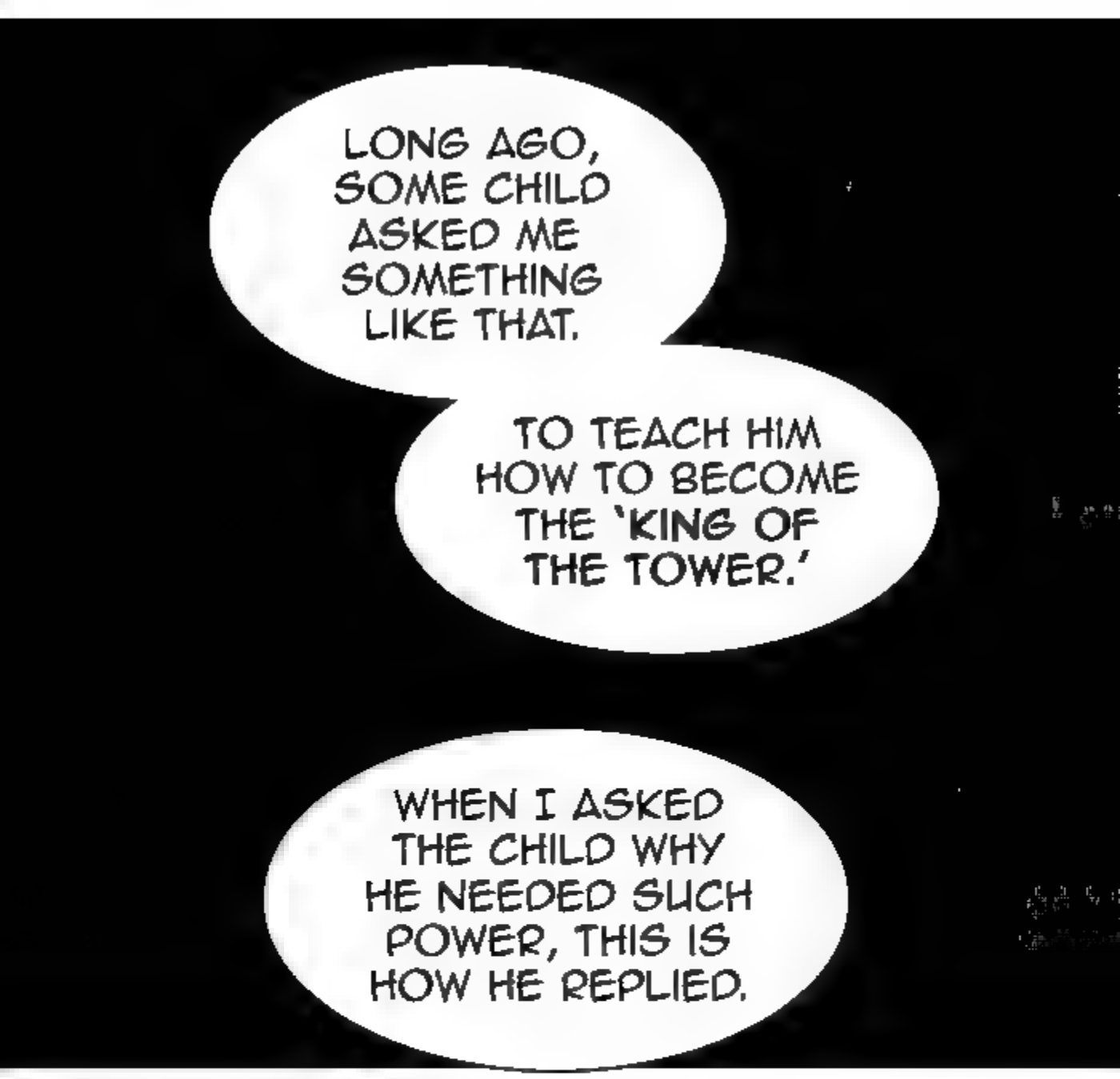
IT'S ALL BECAUSE I SAID THAT I WAS GOING TO THE FLOOR OF DEATH!!
KARAKA ALSO SHOWED UP THERE BECAUSE OF ME..!!
THEY WERE ALL PUT IN DANGER BECAUSE OF ME!!


BUT I...
I... COULDN'T DO ANYTHING..
ALL I EVER DID WAS RECEIVE HELP FROM MY COMPANIONS...
CLENCH


SO THAT'S WHY YOU WANT TO BECOME AN ABSOLUTE BEING LIKE A GOD?
..YES.
YOU'RE VERY GREEDY. EVEN NOW, YOU'RE ALREADY MUCH STRONGER THAN THE OTHER REGULARS.
BUT... THE ENEMIES ARE WAY STRONGER THAN ME!!

THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED IF I WERE STRONGER THAN THEM!!
WHISH—
SO YOU THINK THAT YOU COULD HAVE SAVED YOUR COMPANIONS...?
OR THAT THEY WOULDN'T HAVE BOTHERED YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE?


...BOY..
GREAT POWER CANNOT MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY.

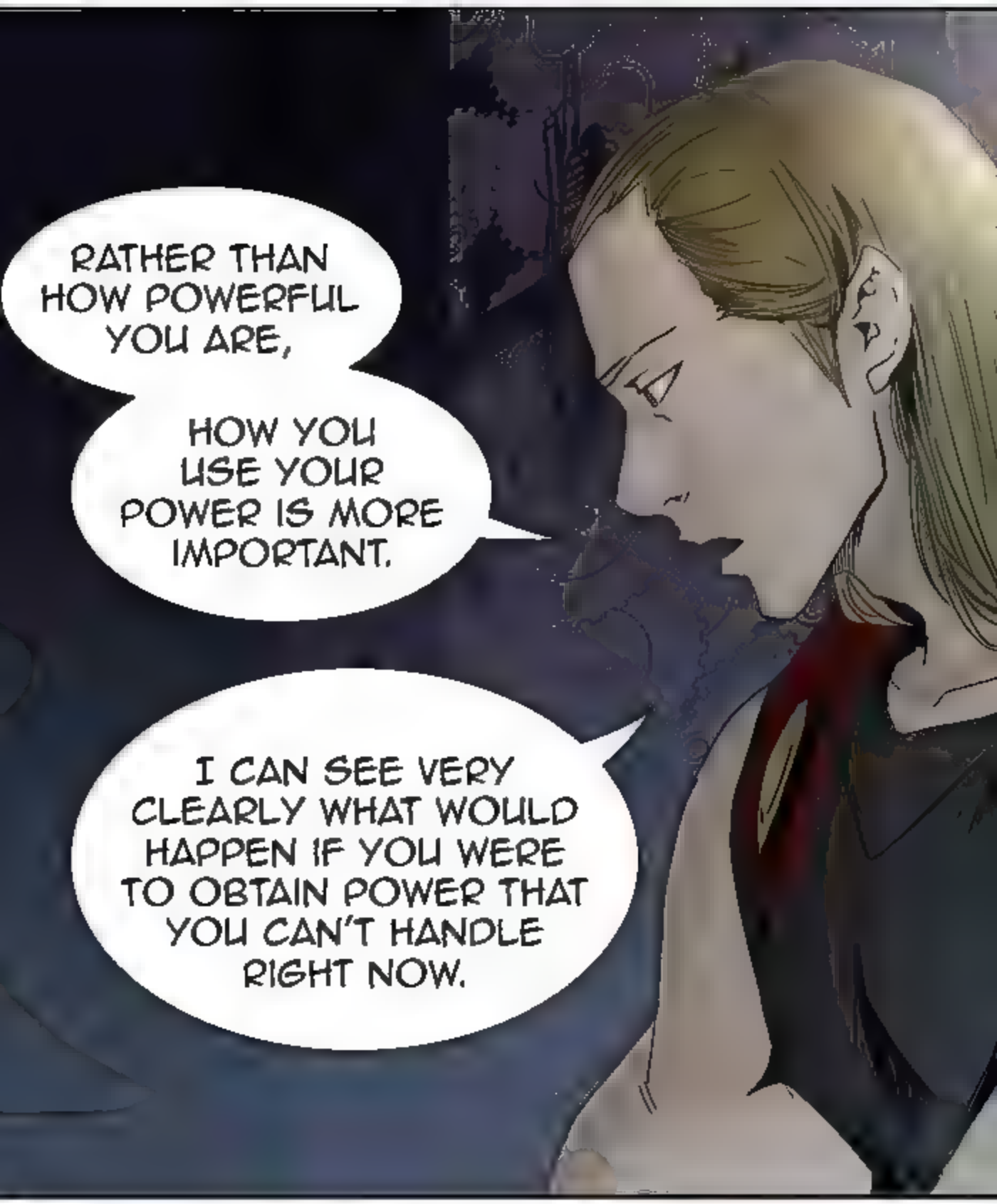

LONG AGO, SOME CHILD ASKED ME SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
TO TEACH HIM HOW TO BECOME THE 'KING OF THE TOWER.'
WHEN I ASKED THE CHILD WHY HE NEEDED SUCH POWER, THIS IS HOW HE REPLIED.

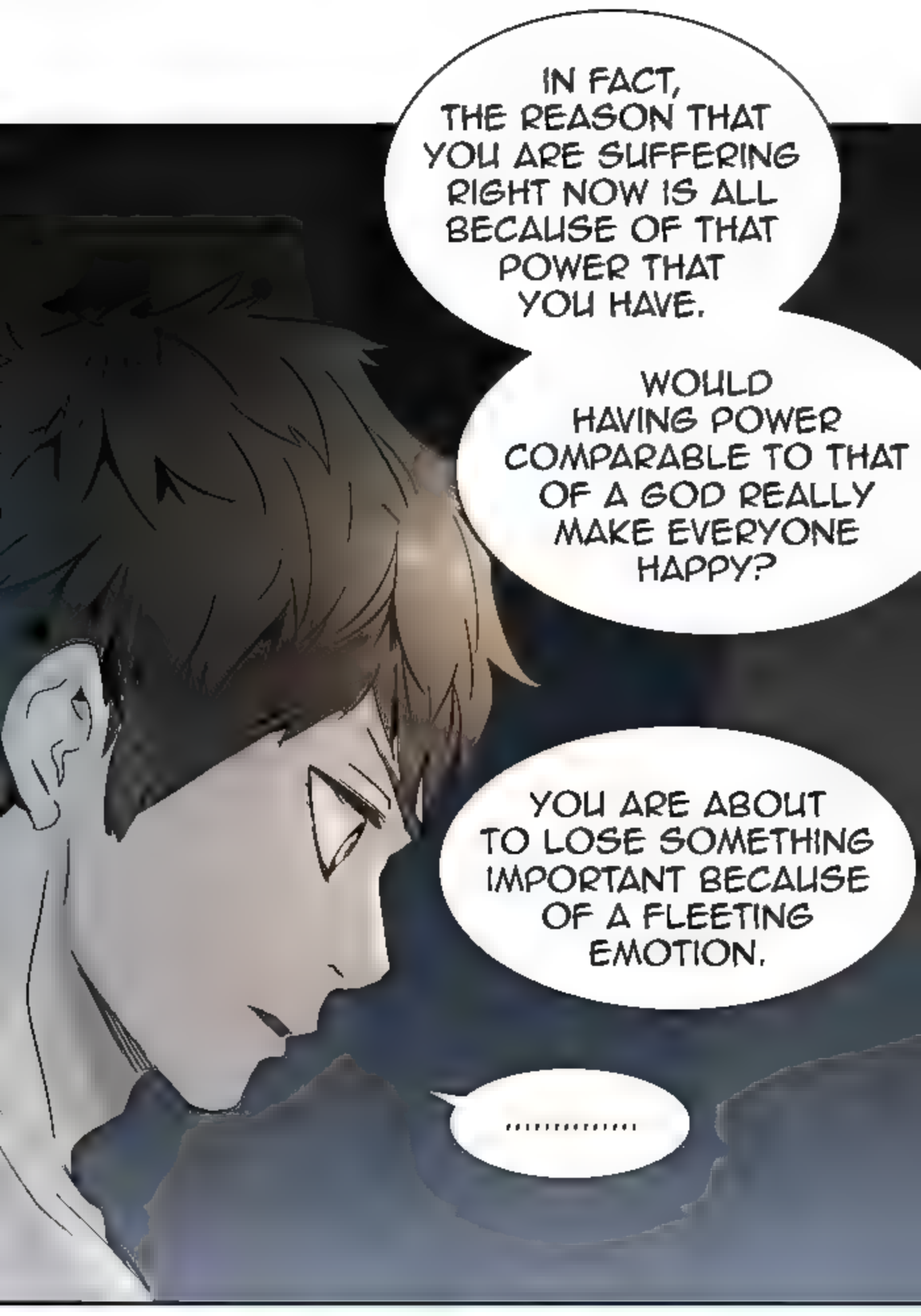
I WANT TO TURN THIS TOWER INTO A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE CAN LIVE HAPPILY.

I HELPED HIM GROW STRONGER,
AND HE REALLY DID GET STRONGER.
AND ULTIMATELY, HE BECAME THE KING OF THE TOWER...
BUT IN THE END, THAT CHILD FAILED TO MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY.

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED..
BUT A LOT OF THINGS CHANGED AFTER HE LEFT THIS PLACE.
I MAY NOT KNOW EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD BUT I'M SURE OF ONE THING.

HAVING TREMENDOUS POWER WON'T MAKE EVERYONE AROUND YOU HAPPY.


RATHER THAN HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE,
HOW YOU USE YOUR POWER IS MORE IMPORTANT.
I CAN SEE VERY CLEARLY WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU WERE TO OBTAIN POWER THAT YOU CAN'T HANDLE RIGHT NOW.

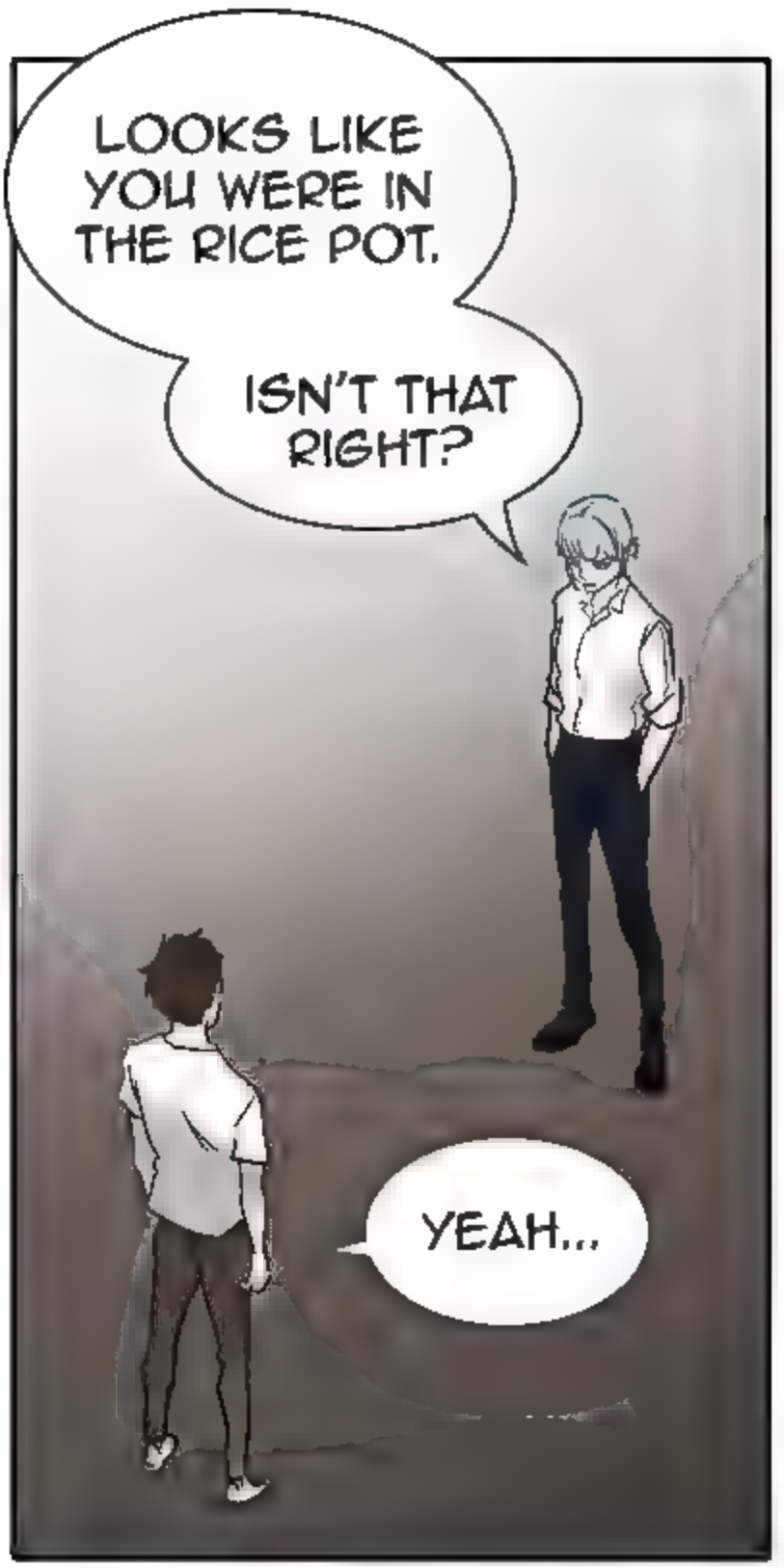

IN FACT, THE REASON THAT YOU ARE SUFFERING RIGHT NOW IS ALL BECAUSE OF THAT POWER THAT YOU HAVE.
WOULD HAVING POWER COMPARABLE TO THAT OF A GOD REALLY MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY?
YOU ARE ABOUT TO LOSE SOMETHING IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF A FLEETING EMOTION.
.....

COME AND SEE ME AGAIN AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED THE NEXT TEST AND SORTED OUT YOUR THOUGHTS.

I MAY NOT KNOW HOW TO BECOME A GOD,

BUT I CAN TEACH YOU HOW TO GET STRONGER THAN YOU ARE NOW.
STEP-
STEP-

YOU'RE BACK, BAM.
KHUN..


LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE IN THE RICE POT.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
YEAH...

HOW SAD...
TRYING TO GET MORE POWERFUL BY YOURSELF..
NO, THAT'S...

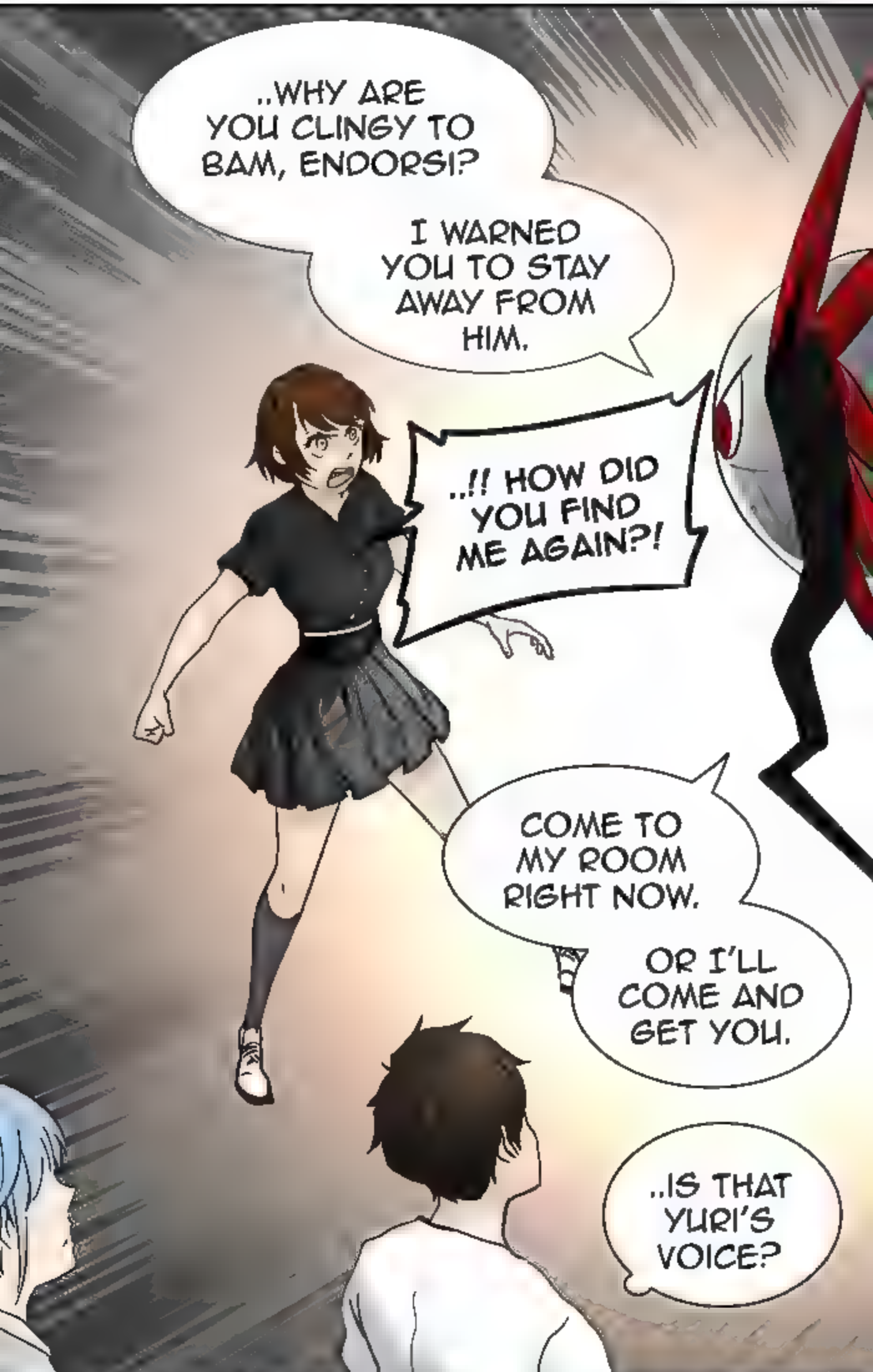
WHEN I LOOK AT YOU SOMETIMES, IT WORRIES ME THAT-
.....!
YOU WOULD JUST WANDER OFF AND LEAVE US SOMEDAY.

SO AT LEAST TELL US WHEN YOU GO SOMEWHERE.
KHUN...
SO THAT I CAN CHASE ANYTIME.

HEY!!
BAM!!
WHISH
WHERE DID YOU WANDER OFF TO WITHOUT SAYING A WORD!?

YOU HAVEN'T EVEN EATEN!! I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU!!
ENDORSI...!
STEP-
STEP-
PLUS, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW?

...THAT LADY FROM THE HA CLAN KEEPS WATCHING ME WITH SOME WEIRD TOY..!!
SHOOO
BAM!! YOU'RE BACK-!!


..WHY ARE YOU CLINGY TO BAM, ENDORSI?
I WARNED YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM HIM.
..!! HOW DID YOU FIND ME AGAIN?!
COME TO MY ROOM RIGHT NOW.
OR I'LL COME AND GET YOU.
..IS THAT YURI'S VOICE?

SHUT UP!! DO YOU THINK I'M GOING TO LISTEN TO YOU?!
I'LL NEVER GO!!
THEN I'LL COME TO YOU.
JUST DON'T COME!!
BAM.
.....?

EHWA, THE ALLIGATOR... AND THAT SWORDSMAN KID
ARE PROBABLY ALL ALIVE AND SAFE.
SO DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH.

WHAT WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS NOT TO WORRY ABOUT THE GUYS.
WE MUST SURVIVE UNTIL THEY COME BACK.

THEY'RE NOT THE ONES WHO DIE SO EASILY, ARE THEY?
ESPECIALLY THAT ALLIGATOR PUNK.
...YEAH.

BAM!!
SWOOSH
?!
WHY DOES SHE KEEP SHOWING UP?!
ENDORSI..?

WHISH
HEY YOU!! I'M JUST GOING TO SAY ONE MORE THING BEFORE I LEAVE BECAUSE I'M SO FRUSTRATED!!
STOP ACTING LIKE IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD JUST BECAUSE A FEW OF YOUR COMPANIONS ARE GONE FOR A MINUTE!!

SOMEONE OF THEM MAY HAVE LEFT YOUR SIDE FOR A MOMENT,
BUT THERE ARE ALSO PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO HAVE RETURNED TO YOUR SIDE, YOU KNOW!!
RIGHT?!

YOU'RE ALSO SOMEONE WHOM SOME PEOPLE WANT TO PROTECT!!
SO PLEASE BE SAFE FOR GOD'S SAKE!!

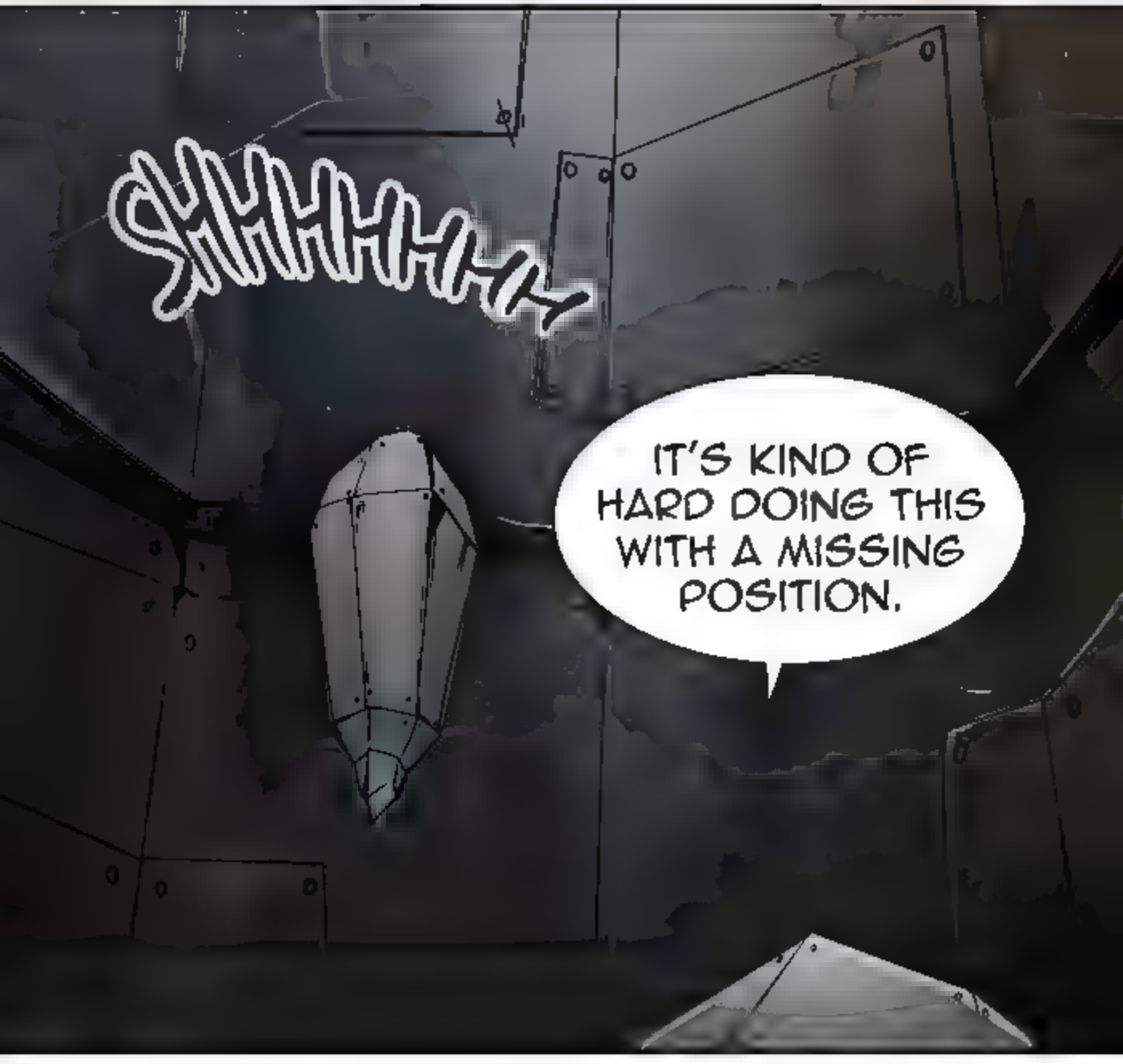
WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO SAY I'M... THE ONE WHO WANTS TO PROTECT YOU...
..!!
JUST TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!! THIS IS AN ORDER!

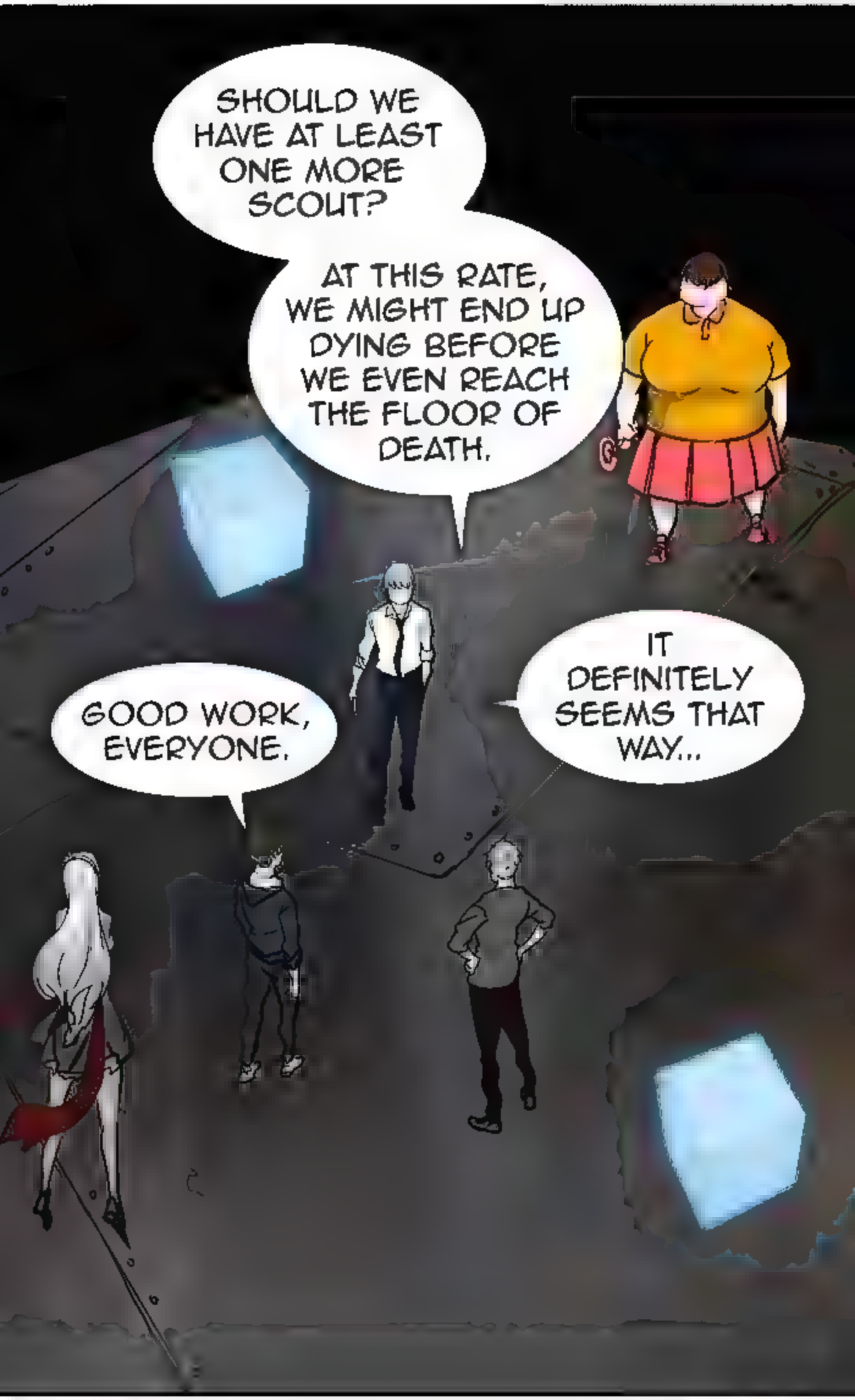
NOW GET SOME REST!!
WHERE DO YOU KEEP RUNNING OFF TO?!
SWOOSH
WHISH
AH, WHY DO YOU KEEP FOLLOWING ME!!?
.....

A DAY
LATER

THE TRAIN:
ENTRANCE
TESTING GROUND
BEEP-!!
HISH!

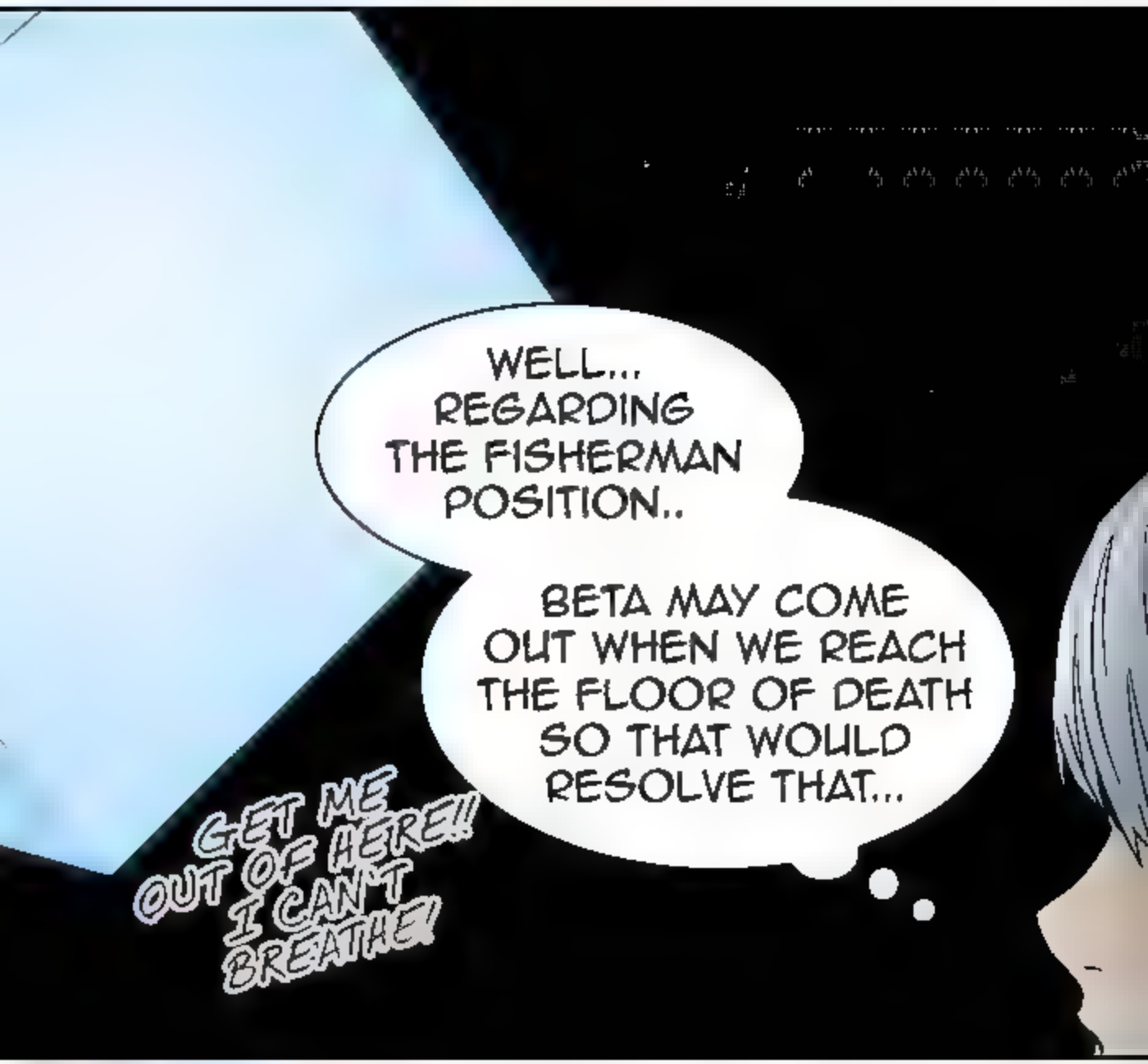
BUZZER TOUCH COMPLETE!!
YOU HAVE PASSED THE TEST!!
HUFF-
HUFF-
BAM'S TEAM SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE ENTRANCE TEST.


SHHHHHH
IT'S KIND OF HARD DOING THIS WITH A MISSING POSITION.


SHOULD WE HAVE AT LEAST ONE MORE SCOUT?
AT THIS RATE, WE MIGHT END UP DYING BEFORE WE EVEN REACH THE FLOOR OF DEATH.
GOOD WORK, EVERYONE.
IT DEFINITELY SEEMS THAT WAY...

THAT TRAP JUST NOW WOULD HAVE KILLED US IF SACHI HADN'T CREATED THAT VINE FOR A SECOND.
CHILL
IT'S TOUGH FOR A LIGHT BEARER TO RESPOND TO UNEXPECTED SITUATIONS LIKE THAT ALONE.

PLUS PRINCESS ENDORSI DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S GOING TO HELP US ANY TIME SOON...
OUR FISHERMAN POSITION IS BASICALLY EMPTY, TOO.
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT ME FOR?
YOU SILLY FOOLS
...I'D LIKE TO SEND HER BACK TO ISU..


WELL... REGARDING THE FISHERMAN POSITION..
BETA MAY COME OUT WHEN WE REACH THE FLOOR OF DEATH SO THAT WOULD RESOLVE THAT...
GET ME OUT OF HERE!! I CAN'T BREATHE!

BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO WANGNAN'S TEAM?
DO WE STILL NOT HAVE ANY NEWS FROM THEM?
..THE TRAIN DOESN'T REALLY HAVE A WAY FOR US TO CONTACT EACH OTHER..
THEN SHOULD WE LOOK FOR THEM?

WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER NOT TO LOOK FOR THEM?
...HWARYUN?

WHEN YOU SENT THEM AWAY, YOU AGREED TO RESPECT EACH OTHER'S CHOICES, RIGHT?
THAT MAN HAS ALREADY STARTED WALKING HIS OWN PATH.
SO IT'S BETTER TO GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS NOW.

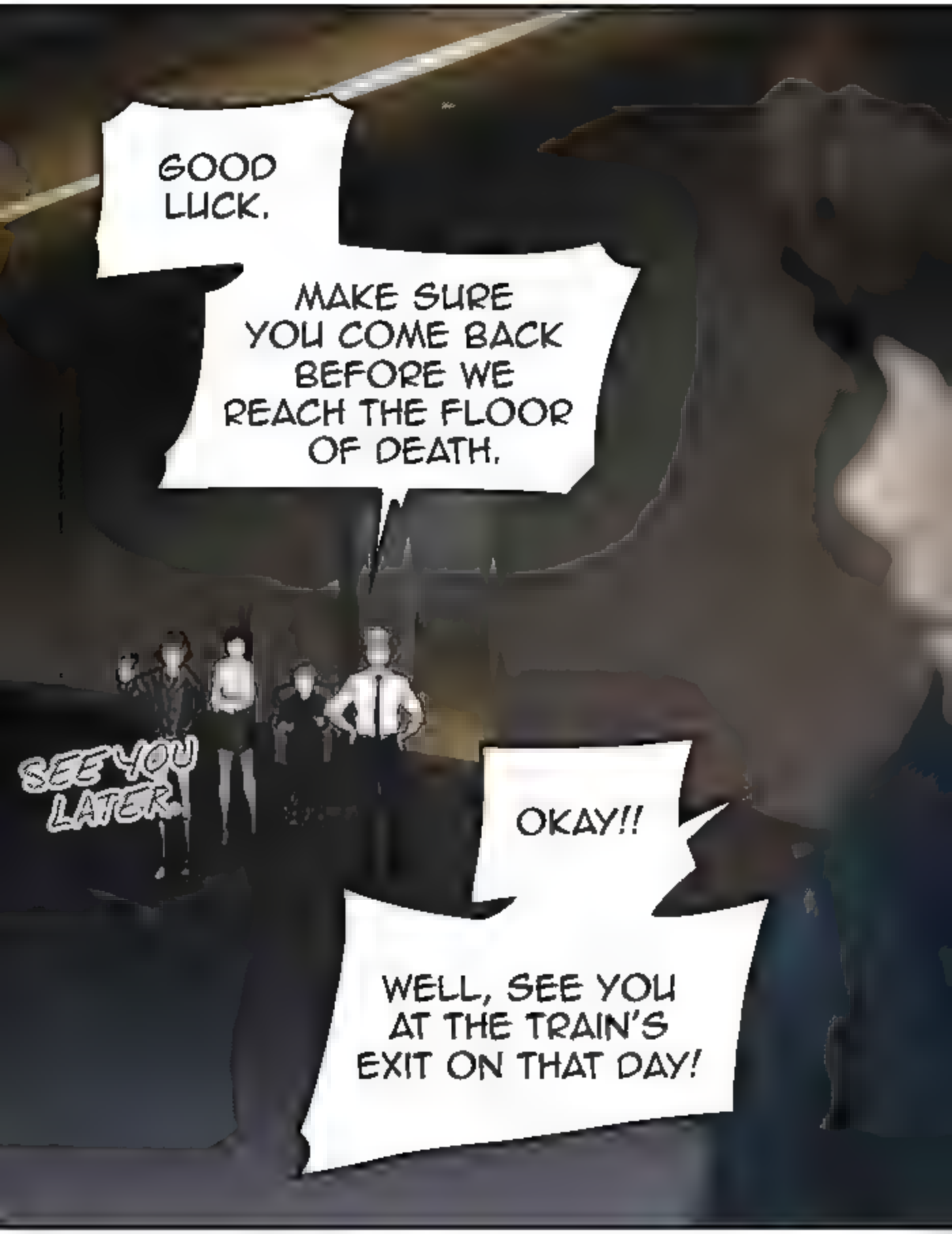
PLUS YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF WORRYING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE RIGHT NOW.
..WHAT?
THE FLOOR OF DEATH IS RIGHT UP AHEAD NOW.

EVEN RANKERS AVOID ENTERING THE FLOOR OF DEATH.
IF YOU GUYS END UP GOING IN THERE, EVEN WITH YURI JAHAD...
WHISH

IT WILL BE HARD
FOR EVEN A SINGLE ONE OF YOU TO SURVIVE ON THE FLOOR OF DEATH.
.....!!

WELL, SEE YOU LATER.
YOU DON'T GET TIRED AND GO OUT AGAIN.

BAM.. DO YOU ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO GO BACK TO THAT 'RICE POT'?
WHAT'S WITH THE NAME 'RICE POT'? IS IT WHERE YOU GO TO FATTEN UP?
IF IT'S TRAINING THAT YOU WANT, I COULD HELP YOU.
..YEAH, SINCE I'VE MADE A PROMISE..
I'LL NEED YOUR HELP NEXT TIME.


GOOD LUCK.
MAKE SURE YOU COME BACK BEFORE WE REACH THE FLOOR OF DEATH.
SEE YOU LATER.
OKAY!!
WELL, SEE YOU AT THE TRAIN'S EXIT ON THAT DAY!

FOR SOME REASON,
IT FEELS LIKE
IT'S GETTING COLDER
IN HERE
.....

WELL, I GUESS WE SHOULD GET GOING TOO...
GLANCE
...!

HMPH..
FINE,
ALRIGHT.
FOLLOW ME.
I'LL TEACH YOU
HOW TO HANDLE
THE LIGHTHOUSE.

YAWN~
THEN I GUESS I'LL GO TAKE A NAP.
GOOD LUCK, EVERYONE.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? YOU COME WITH ME.
GRAB
JUST SO YOU KNOW, I TRAIN VERY HARD.
SURE.

...SO YOU'VE COME.
SHHH

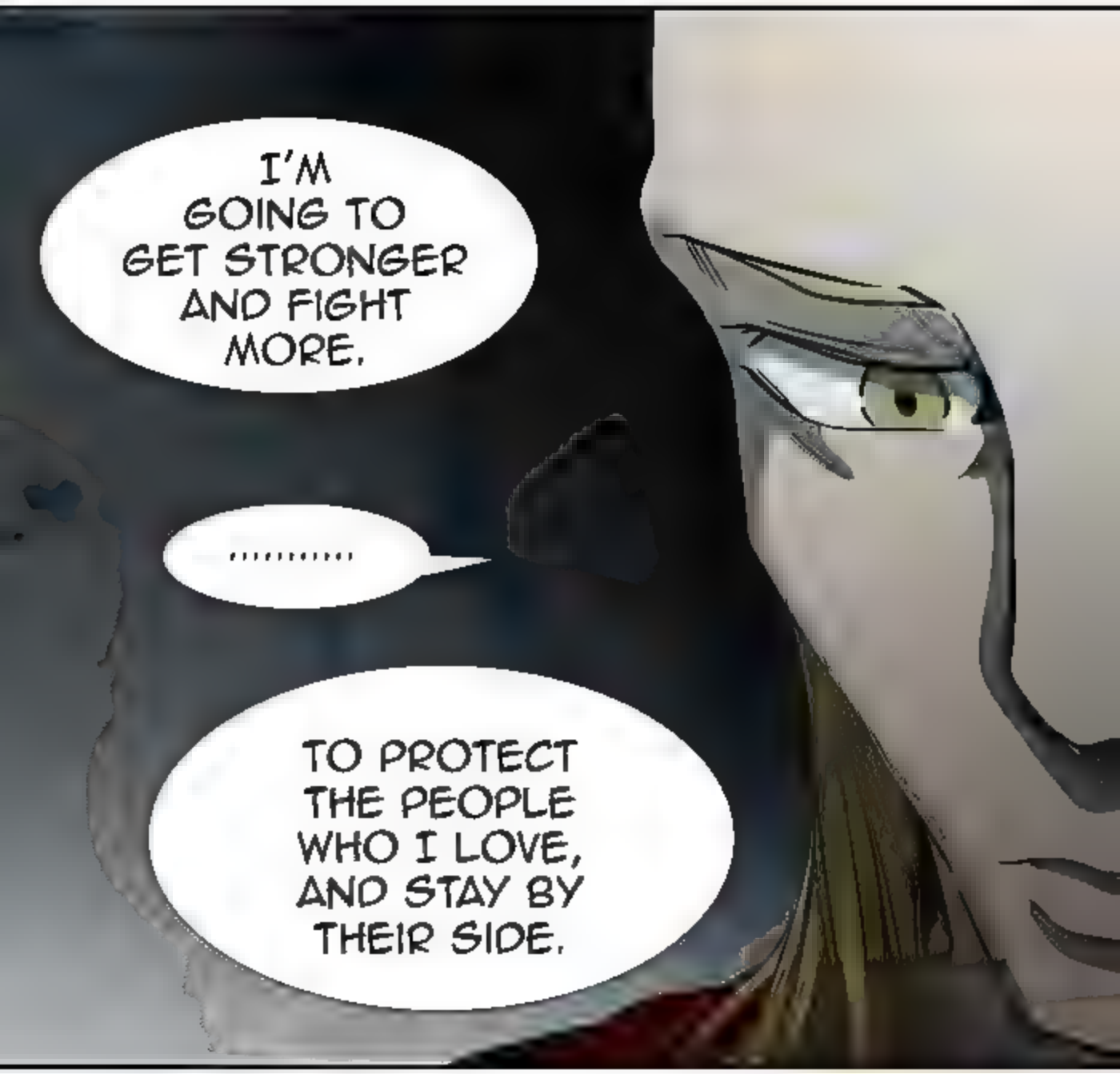
SO... HAVE YOU SORTED OUT THE CHAOS THAT WAS IN YOUR MIND?
YOUR MIND WAS CONSUMED WITH HATRED...

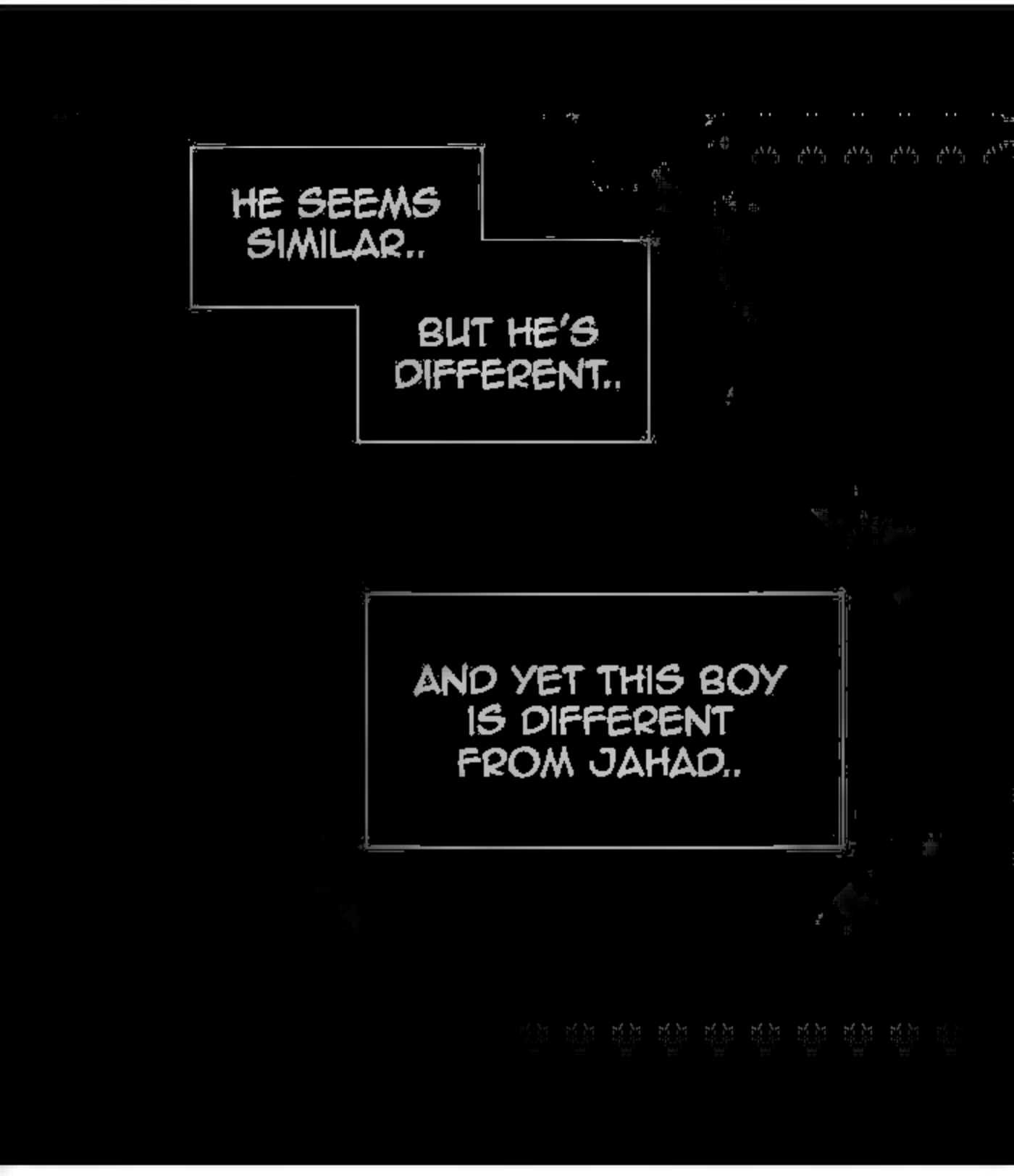
...I'M STILL NOT SURE.
IT STILL BOTHERS ME TO THINK THAT MY COMPANIONS GOT HURT BECAUSE I'M TOO WEAK.

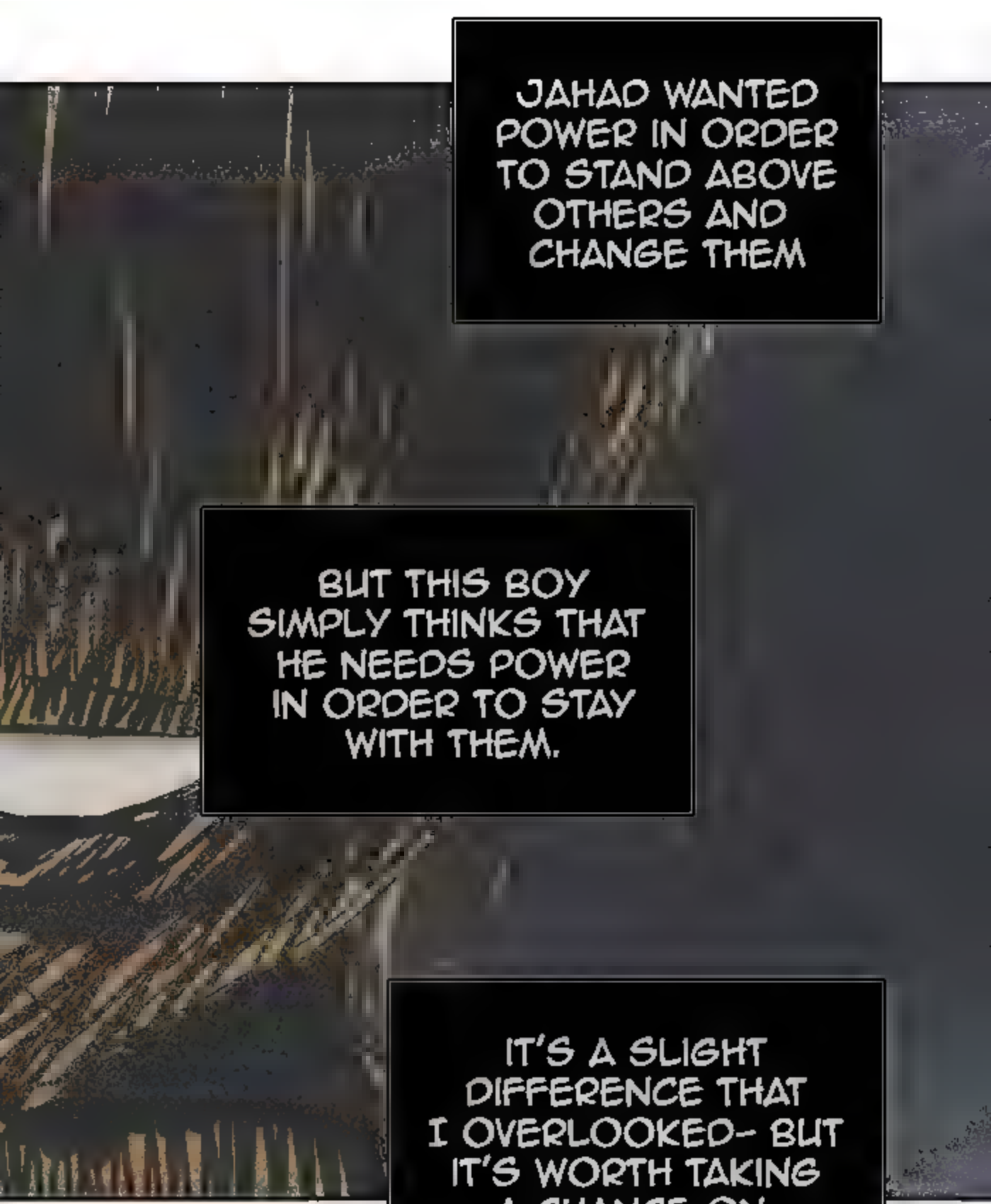
BUT...
I THINK I KNOW THAT FOR SURE NOW TOO.
CREAK
CREAK
INCREASING MY OWN POWER WON'T NECESSARILY MAKE THE PEOPLE AROUND ME HAPPIER.
ENORMOUS POWER BEYOND MY CONTROL MAY ACTUALLY PULL ME APART FROM EVERYONE...
CREAK

STILL,
I DON'T WANT
TO STOP GETTING
STRONGER.
IT WOULD MAKE
ME SAD IF I WERE
TO HURT ANYONE
ELSE,
BUT STILL,
I...

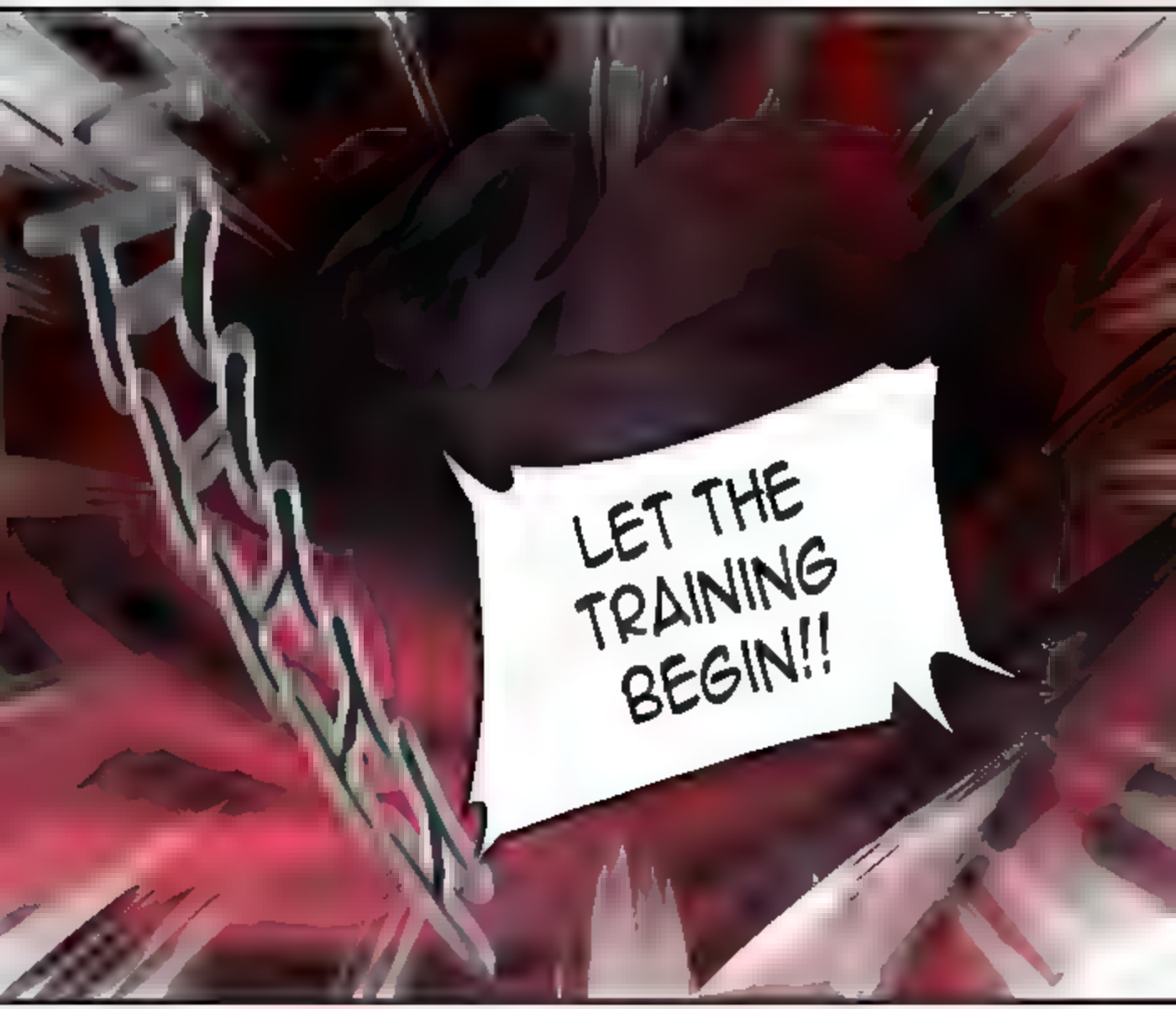
I WANT TO BECOME... LIKE A GOD FOR SOMEONE.
IF THAT BRINGS ABOUT THE WRONG RESULT, I WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT.


I'M GOING TO GET STRONGER AND FIGHT MORE.
.....
TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE WHO I LOVE, AND STAY BY THEIR SIDE.


HE SEEMS SIMILAR..
BUT HE'S DIFFERENT..
AND YET THIS BOY IS DIFFERENT FROM JAHAD..


JAHAD WANTED POWER IN ORDER TO STAND ABOVE OTHERS AND CHANGE THEM
BUT THIS BOY SIMPLY THINKS THAT HE NEEDS POWER IN ORDER TO STAY WITH THEM.
IT'S A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE THAT I OVERLOOKED- BUT IT'S WORTH TAKING A CHANCE ON.

VERY WELL.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE ANY MORE POWER THAN THAT UNTIL YOU FIND THE 'REAL YOU'
BUT YOU SEEM QUALIFIED TO GET STRONG ENOUGH.
!
ALRIGHT.. NOW-


LET THE TRAINING BEGIN!!

WHOOSH

THIS IS MY MEDIUM VERSION!!
I CAN ADJUST MY BODY SIZE FREELY DEPENDING ON THE SIDE OF MY OPPONENT'S BODY.
WHISH
THIS TIME, I WILL MAKE YOU STRONGER BY HAVING YOU BATTLE ME..!!

BRACE YOURSELF AND FOLLOW ME!!
I WILL NOW TEACH YOU 'SHINSU CONTROL'
!!

WHICH IS USED
NOT BY REGULARS
BUT THE TEN
GREAT CLANS!!

SEVERAL
WEEKS
LATER-

FLOOR
40
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
THE ROOM WHERE WANGNAN AND MISENG ARE LOCKED UP.

HUFF—
HUFF—
HUFF—
THE WEATHER'S SUDDENLY GOTTEN REALLY COLD.

DID THE WEATHER ON THE TRAIN CHANGE WHEN WE CHANGED FLOORS...?
HUFF—

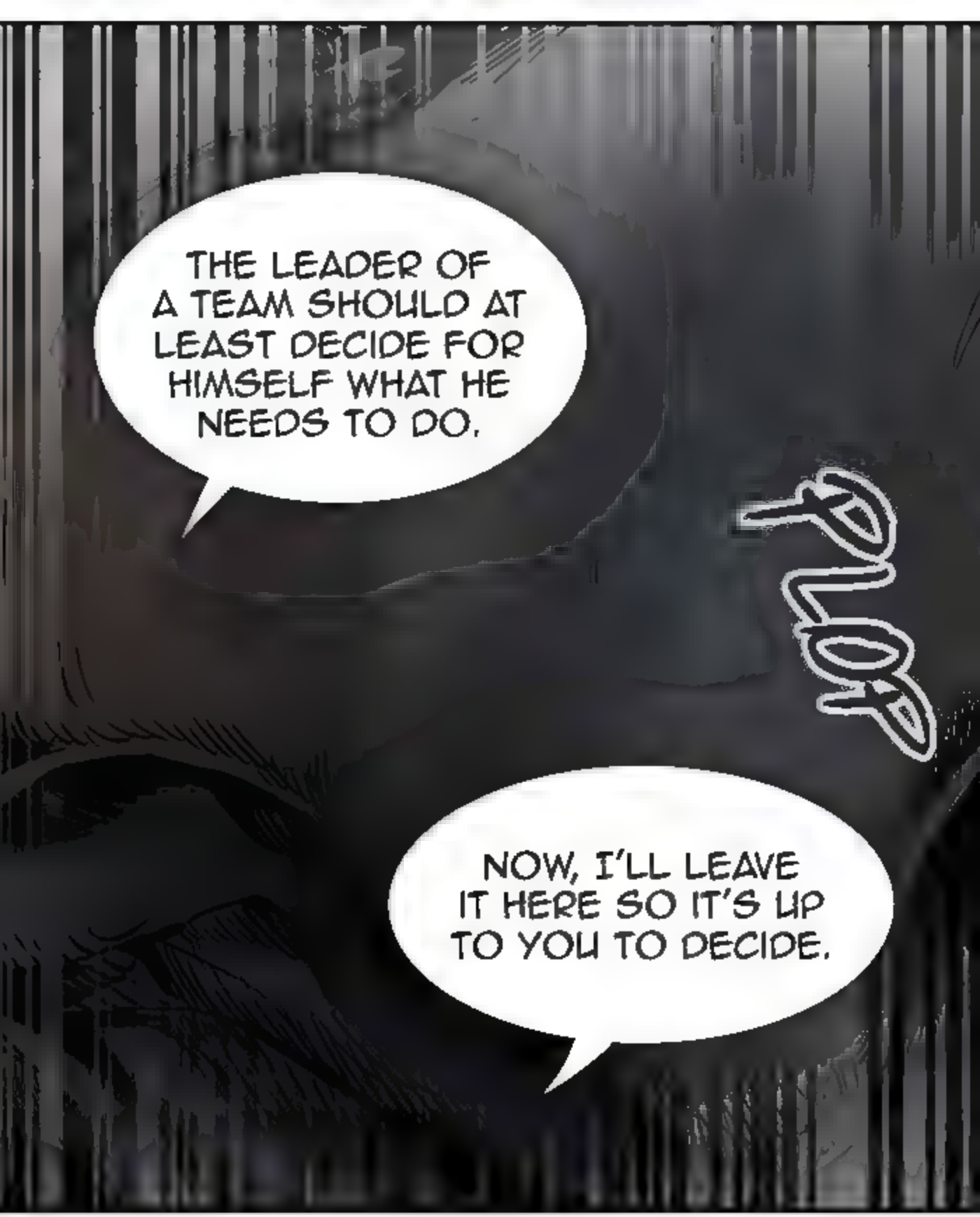
...THE WEATHER HAS REALLY GOTTEN COLD.
CREEEAK
...?!

PUT THIS ON.
HOSTAGES ARE NO GOOD WHEN THEY'RE DEAD.
RACHEL-!!
ALTHOUGH HOAQIN KEEPS PESTERING ME TO LET HIM EAT YOU BECAUSE YOU TRIED TO RUN AWAY DURING THAT TEST.

...SCREW OFF!!
I WOULD RATHER DIE LIKE THIS THAN BECOME A HOSTAGE!!

OH MY, IS THAT SO?
...YOU MAY FEEL THAT WAY,

BUT SHOULDN'T YOU KEEP THAT GIRL OVER THERE ALIVE?
SHIVER
SHIVER
..!!


THE LEADER OF A TEAM SHOULD AT LEAST DECIDE FOR HIMSELF WHAT HE NEEDS TO DO.
NOW, I'LL LEAVE IT HERE SO IT'S UP TO YOU TO DECIDE.

...I'M NOT...
A LEADER.

NOT ANYMORE...
SSK
AHH.. IS THAT SO?

YOU'RE PRETTY DEPRESSED FOR SOMEONE WHO'S INHERITED THE BLOOD OF JAHAD.
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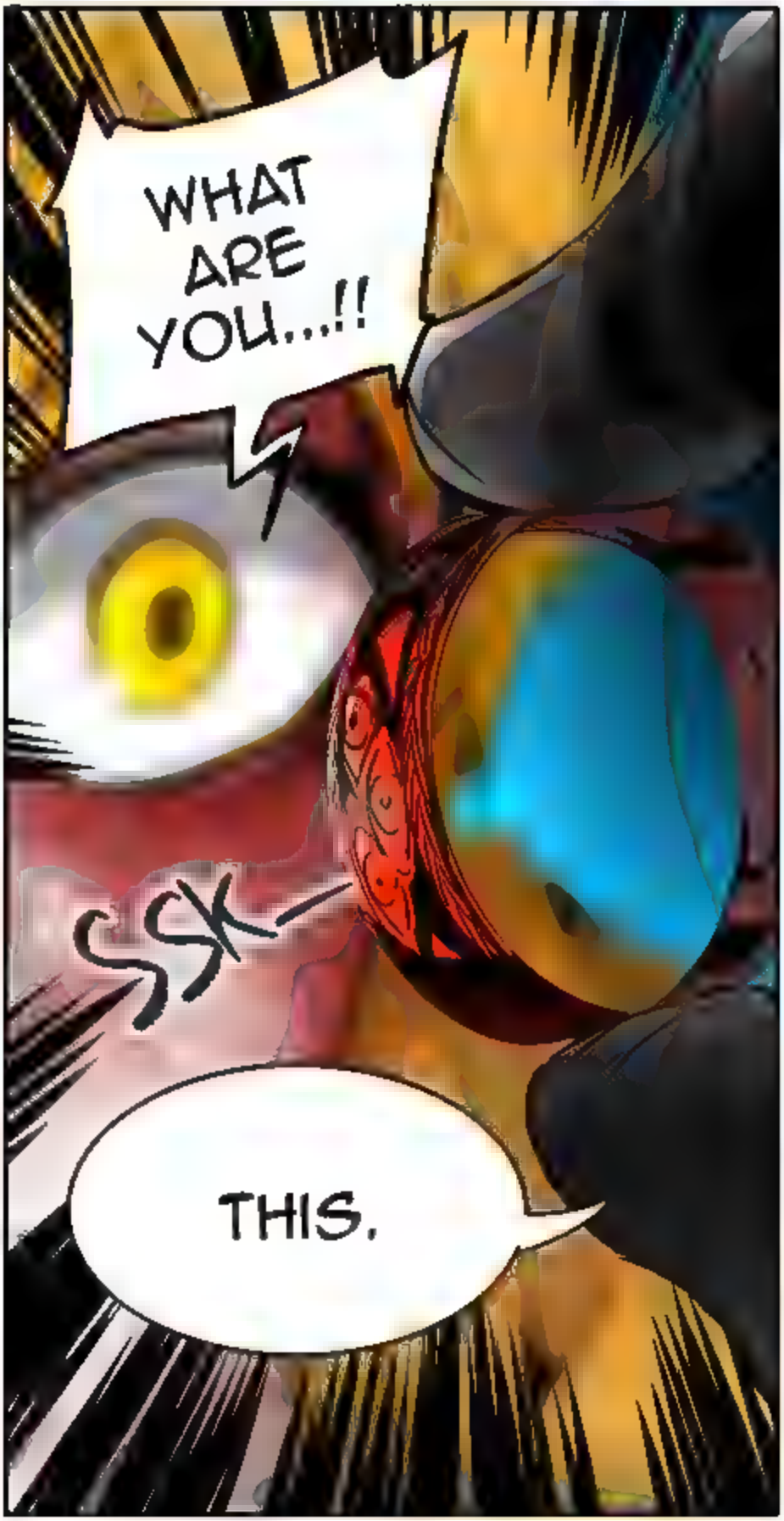
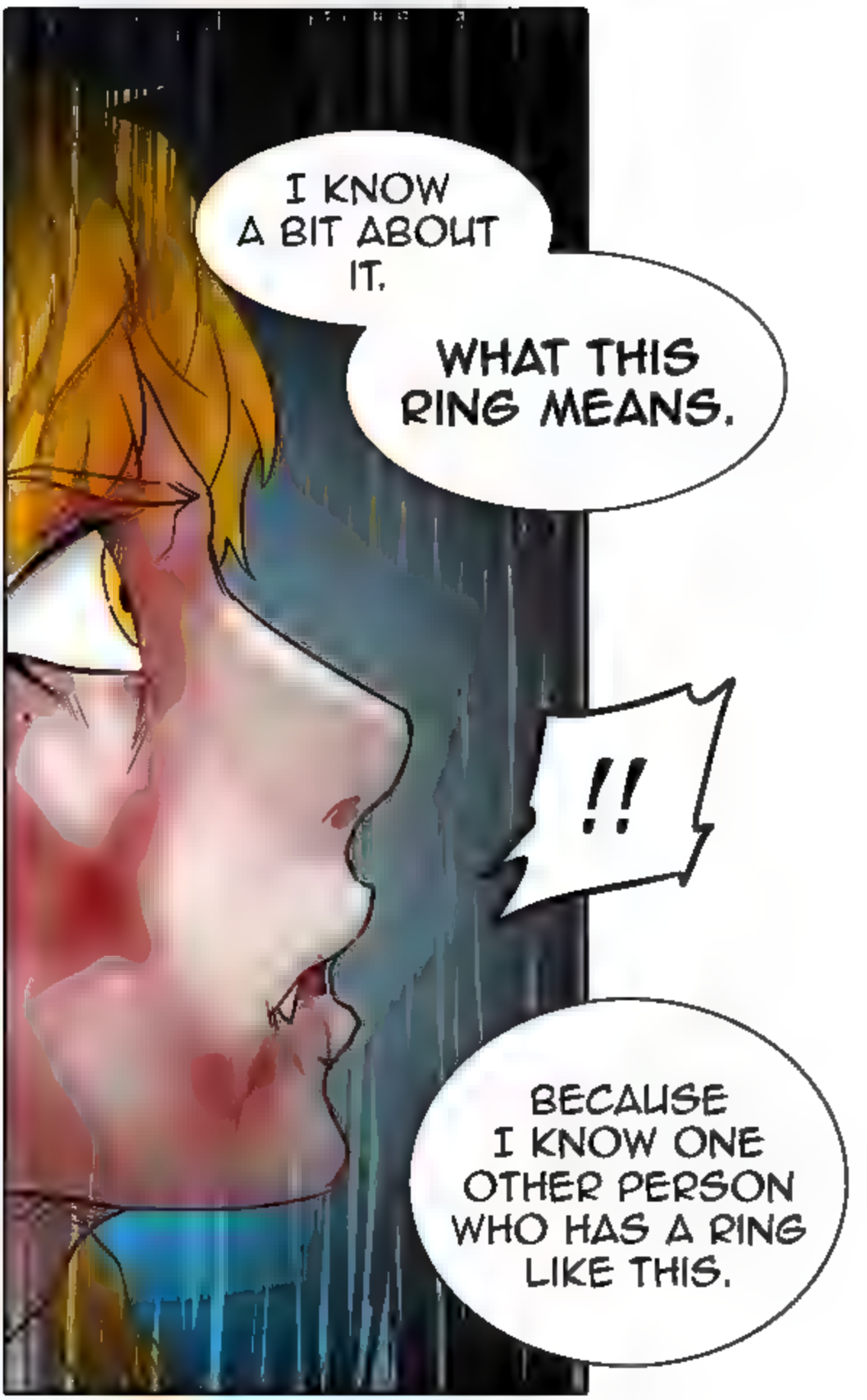

WHAT ARE YOU...!!
SSK—
THIS.

THIS IS YOUR RING, RIGHT?
!!

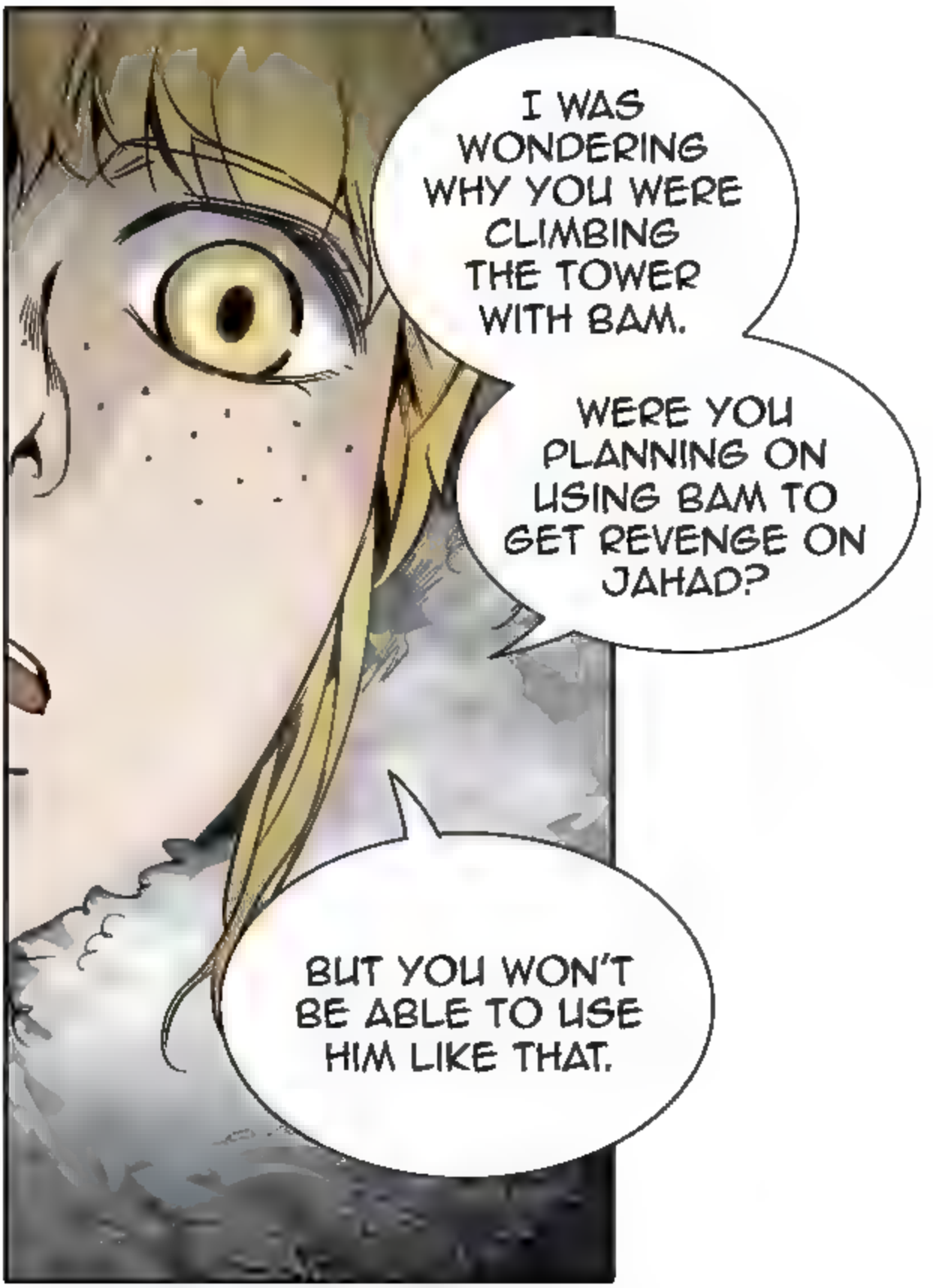
W...WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT RING..!?
DON'T WORRY. THE OTHERS DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS.
ESPECIALLY NOT HOAQIN.


I KNOW A BIT ABOUT IT.
WHAT THIS RING MEANS.
!!
BECAUSE I KNOW ONE OTHER PERSON WHO HAS A RING LIKE THIS.

YOU GUYS ARE THE FATAL WEAK POINT THAT JAHAD TRIED TO HIDE BUT ULTIMATELY SURVIVED.
YOU'VE GAINED POWER THAT YOU WERE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE.

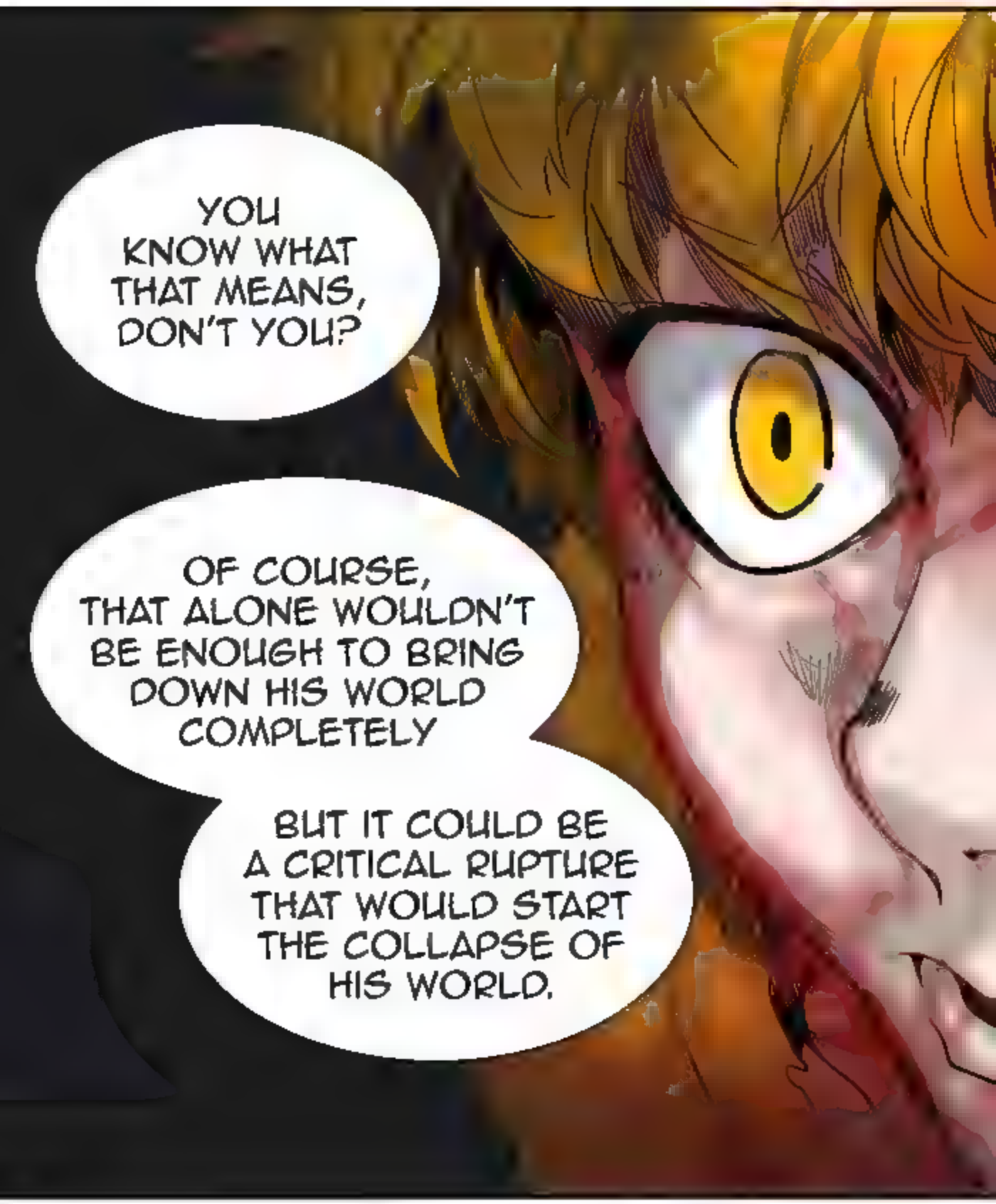
'PRINCE OF THE RED-LIGHT DISTRICT.'

!!
WHO... ARE YOU?!
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT!?
YOU MUST HAVE HEARD FROM BAM.
I'M ALSO A REGULAR.
I'M WORKING WITH FLIG- THAT'S WHY I KNOW A THING OR TWO.

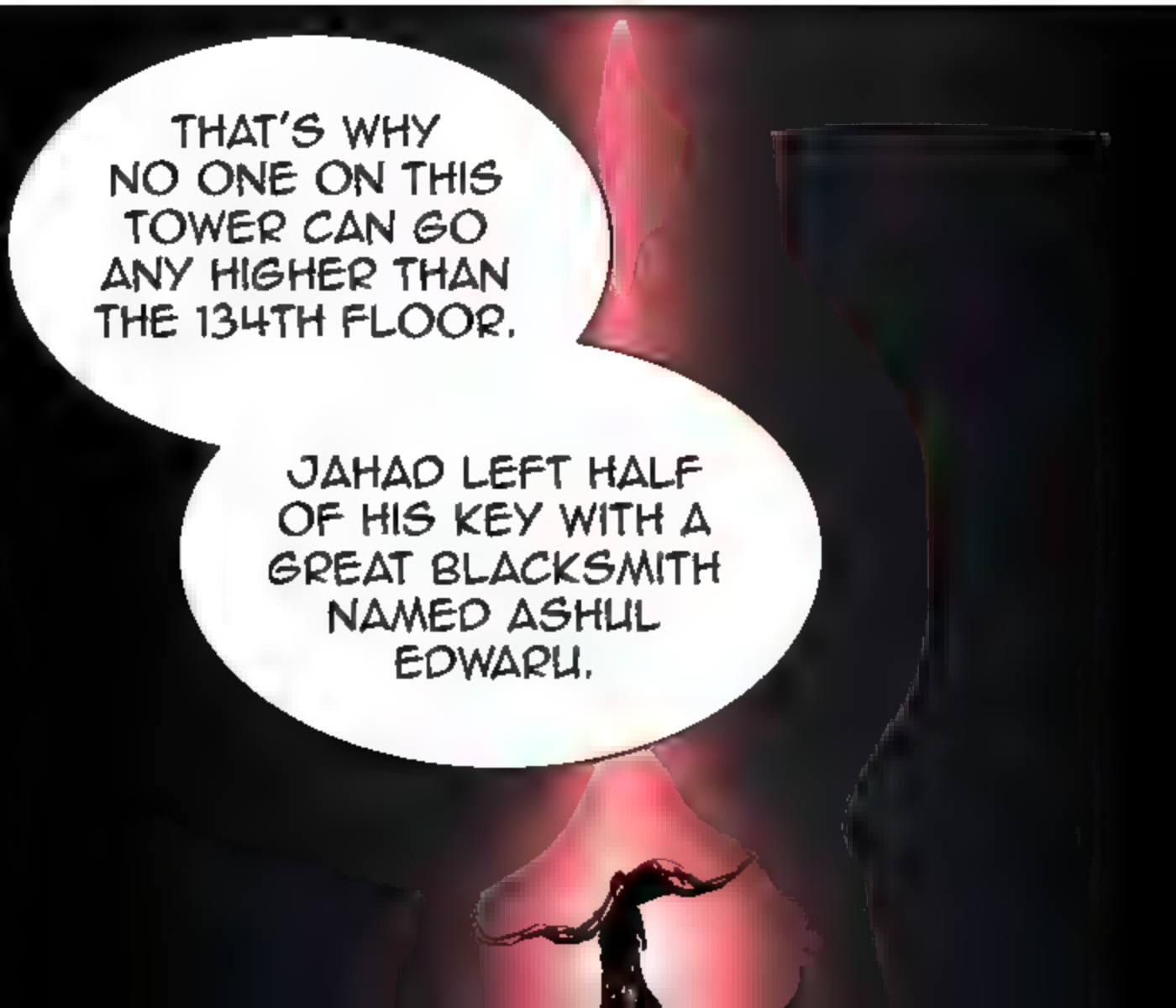

I WAS WONDERING WHY YOU WERE CLIMBING THE TOWER WITH BAM.
WERE YOU PLANNING ON USING BAM TO GET REVENGE ON JAHAD?
BUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO USE HIM LIKE THAT.

WHY DON'T YOU WORK WITH ME INSTEAD?
WHAT?!

THERE'S A PIECE OF THE ENRYU'S THORN HIDDEN ON THE FLOOR OF DEATH.
THE THORN THAT BAM HAS IS ONLY PART OF IT.
!!
IF YOU GET THE COMPLETE THORN, YOU MIGHT FIND OUT HOW TO BEAT JAHAD AND HIS IMMORTALITY.


YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, DON'T YOU?
OF COURSE, THAT ALONE WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH TO BRING DOWN HIS WORLD COMPLETELY
BUT IT COULD BE A CRITICAL RUPTURE THAT WOULD START THE COLLAPSE OF HIS WORLD.

AND YOU KNOW ABOUT THE 'KEY' WHICH OPENS THE DOOR IN THIS TOWER, RIGHT?
THE DAY THAT JAHAD ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD STOP CLIMBING THE TOWER AND BECOME A KING
HE HID THE KEY THAT CAN OPEN THE DOOR TO THE HIGHER FLOORS.


THAT'S WHY NO ONE ON THIS TOWER CAN GO ANY HIGHER THAN THE 134TH FLOOR.
JAHAD LEFT HALF OF HIS KEY WITH A GREAT BLACKSMITH NAMED ASHUL EDWARU.

HE HAD THAT HALF MELTED AND FORMED INTO 13 WEAPONS TO MAKE THE PRINCESSES FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES WITH THOSE WEAPONS.
AND THE OTHER HALF VANISHED SOMEWHERE.
WHERE COULD IT BE?

THAT OTHER HALF... IS RIGHT HERE WITHIN THESE RINGS.
ISN'T IT?

WHEN ALL OF YOU ARE ABLE TO CLIMB THE TOWER...
THE DOOR ON THIS TOWER WILL OPEN AGAIN.
.....!!

JOIN FORCES WITH ME, PRINCE OF THE RED-LIGHT DISTRICT.
RATTLE

WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE THE TOWER TOGETHER.
RATTLE

LINE Webtoon